

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1 – 37 (Cancelled)

38. (Previously Presented) A medical device, comprising:  
a guidewire having a proximal end, a distal end, and a stop proximal the distal end;  
a filter slidably disposed along the guidewire, the filter having a proximal end and a distal end; and  
wherein the distal end of the filter is slidable along the guidewire from a first position proximal the stop to a second position distal of the stop.

39. (Previously Presented) A medical device comprising:  
a guidewire having proximal and distal ends, and a stop proximal the distal end;  
a filter slidably disposed along the guidewire, the filter having proximal and distal ends; and  
wherein the distal end of the filter is configured to advance over the stop and the proximal end of the filter is configured to be retained by the stop.

40. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 39, wherein the filter is expandable.

41. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 40, wherein the filter is mechanically expandable.

42. (Withdrawn) The medical device of claim 40, wherein the filter is balloon-expandable; the medical device further including an expandable balloon positioned under the filter.

43. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 40, further including a sheath for delivering the filter to a desired location; wherein the filter is biased open and is carried within the sheath in a closed configuration to the desired location, and upon withdrawal of the sheath the filter expands to an open configuration.

44. (Withdrawn) The medical device of claim 42, further including an advancing member that fits within the sheath, the advancing member having a distal end that bears against the proximal end of the filter such that manipulation of either or both of the sheath and advancing member advances the filter along the guidewire and out of the sheath.

45. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 39, wherein the proximal end of the filter frictionally engages the guidewire stop.

46. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 39, wherein the guidewire stop has a first diameter, the distal end of the filter has an opening with a diameter larger than the first diameter, and the proximal end of the filter has an opening with a diameter smaller than the first diameter.

47. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 39, wherein the proximal end of the filter includes a guidewire stop-receiving member which receives the guidewire stop.

48. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 39, wherein the guidewire further includes an actuatable stop slidable along the guidewire.

49. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 48, wherein the actuatable stop includes first and second tubular members.

50. (Canceled)

51. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 38, wherein the filter is slidably disposed along the guidewire such that the guidewire extends both proximally and distally from the filter.

52. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 39, wherein the filter is slidably disposed along the guidewire such that the guidewire extends both proximally and distally from the filter.